

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-9 remain in the present application. Claim 3 is cancelled herein. Claim 1, 4 and 5 are amended herein. Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the arguments set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 3-9 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2 are rejected in the present Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 1,778,147 to Edwards (hereafter referred to as "Edwards"). Applicant respectfully asserts that as discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection applied to Claims 1 and 2 is moot at this time since the allowable subject matter of Claim 3 has been added to independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Since dependent Claim 2 recites further limitations to the invention claimed in independent Claim 1, dependent Claim 2 is also allowable. Therefore, Claims 1-2 are allowable. .

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-2 and 4-9 are in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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